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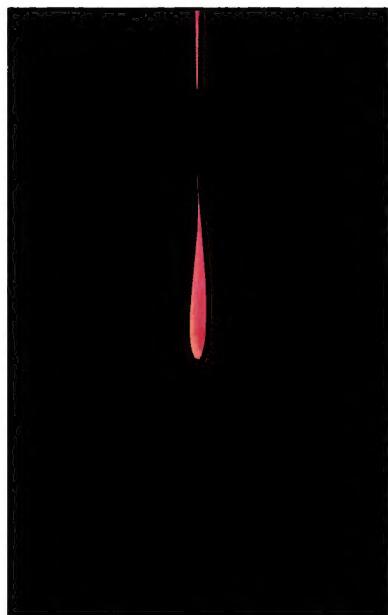
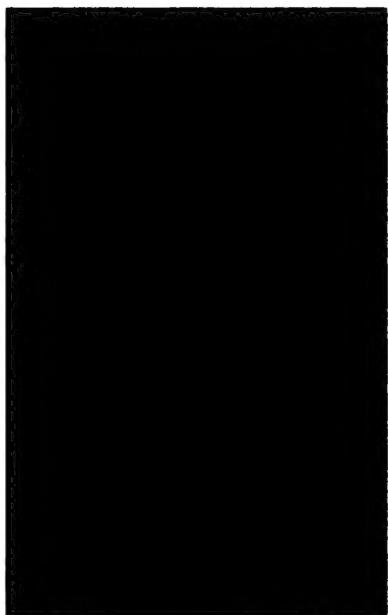
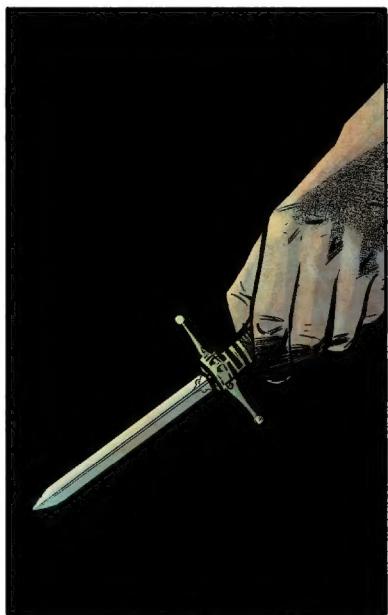
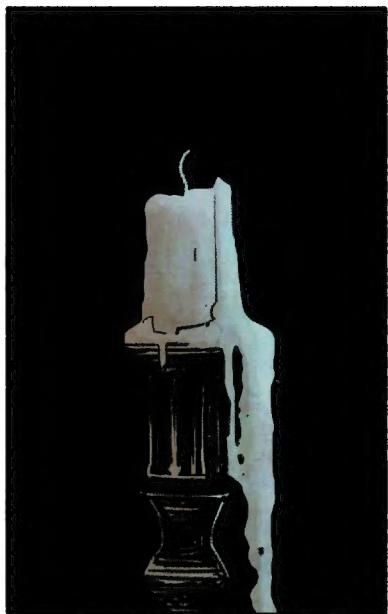
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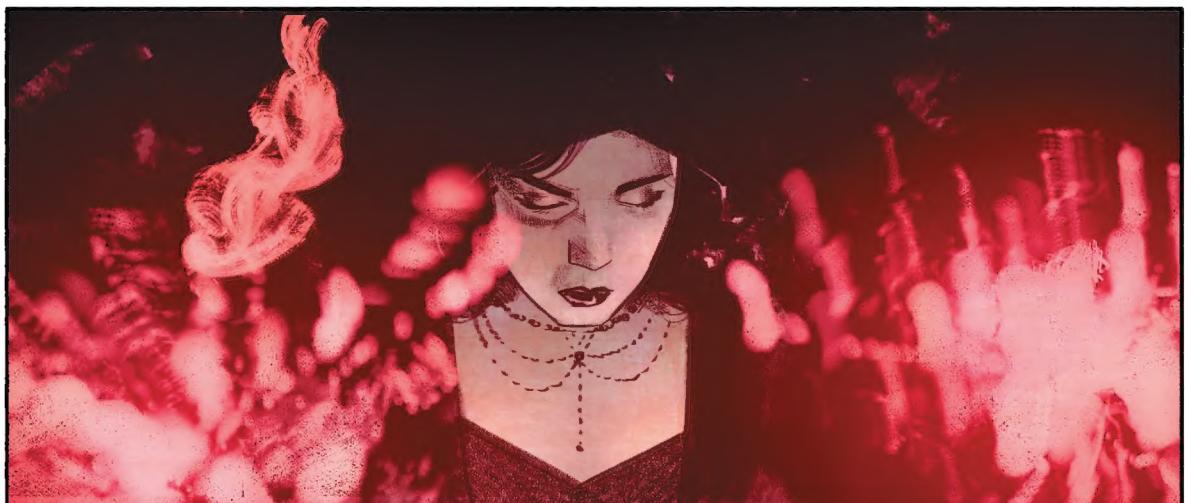


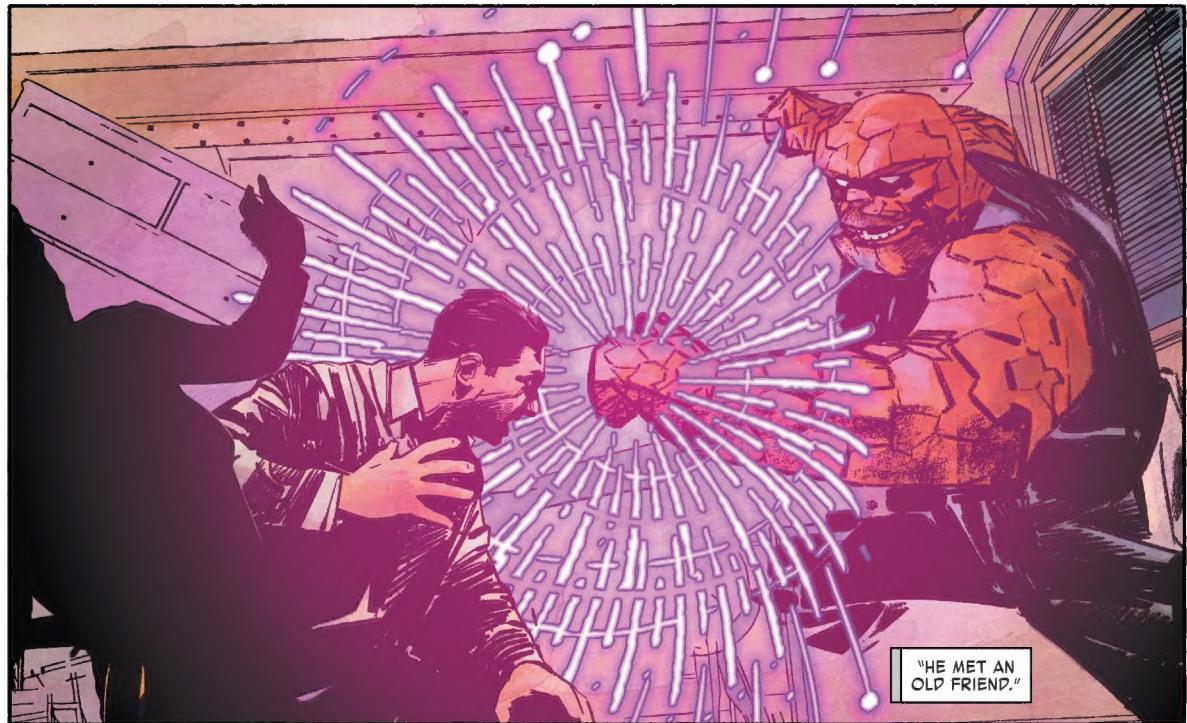
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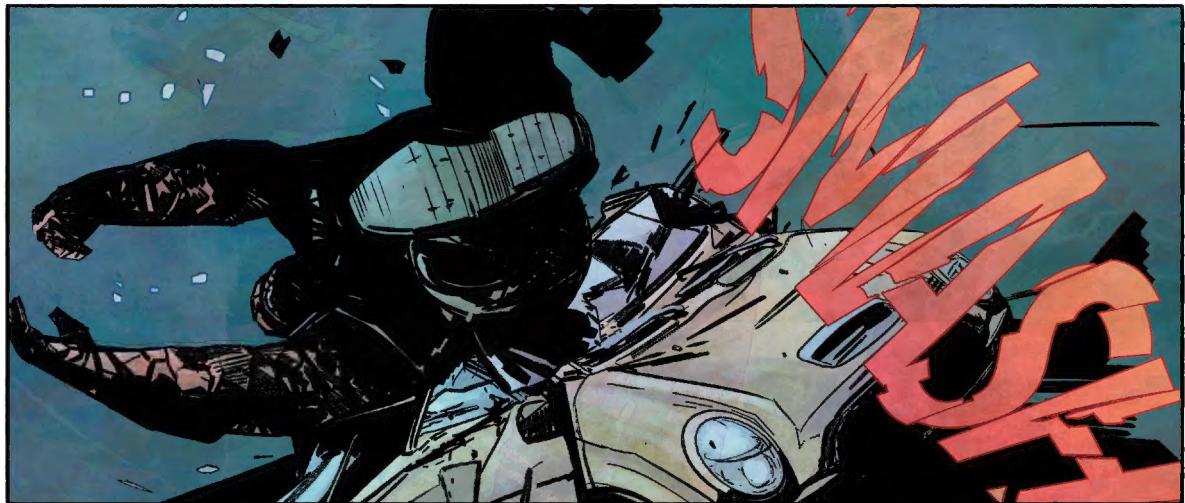
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Civil War II had dire consequences for billionaire playboy and genius industrialist Tony Stark, who once used a powered suit of armor to protect the world as the invincible Avenger Iron Man. For reasons that remain his own, the former super villain Doctor Doom chose to take up his mantle as the **INFAMOUS IRON MAN**.

His startling choice didn't go unnoticed. Doom's mother, a master of the dark arts long believed dead, has been resurrected and is secretly watching her son's every move on his road to redemption.

And Ben Grimm, A.K.A. the Thing, has been hunting his longtime nemesis for S.H.I.E.L.D. He finally caught up to Doom at the apartment of Amara Perera, a brilliant scientist who accepted Doom's offer to set her up with an off-the-grid research lab and is now trapped in his orbit.

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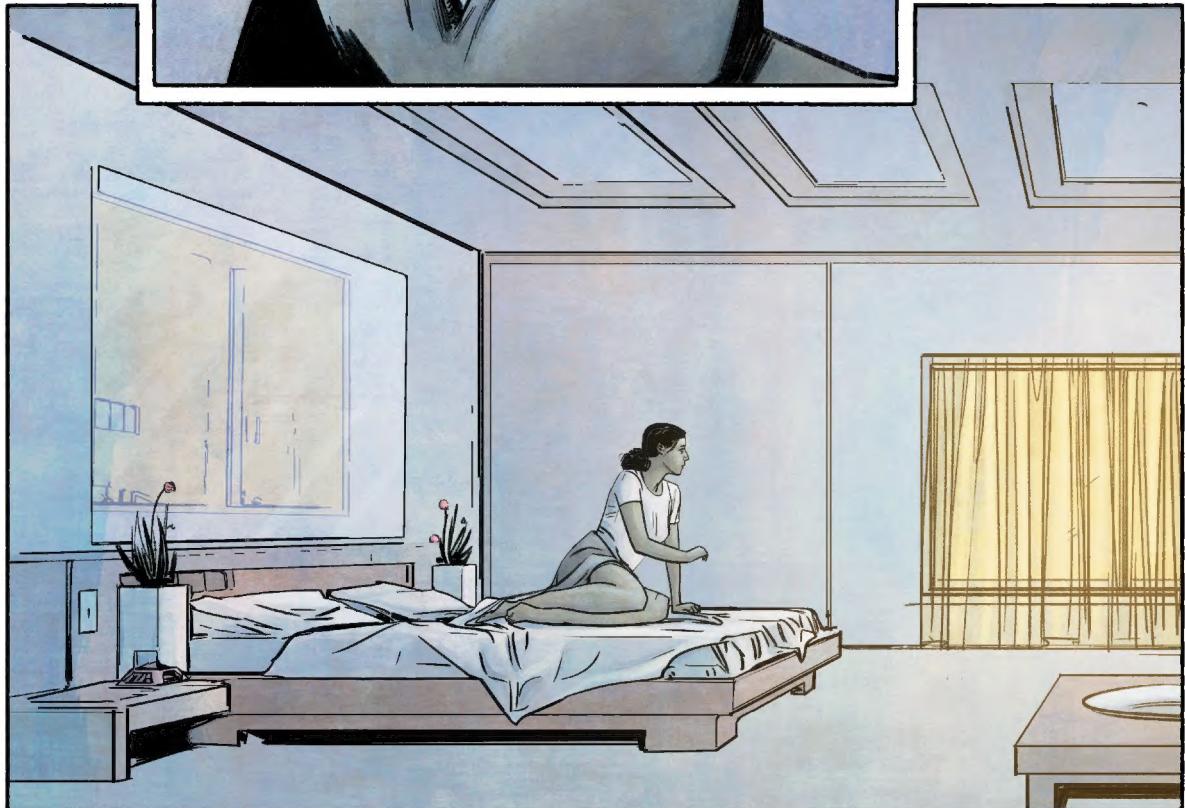
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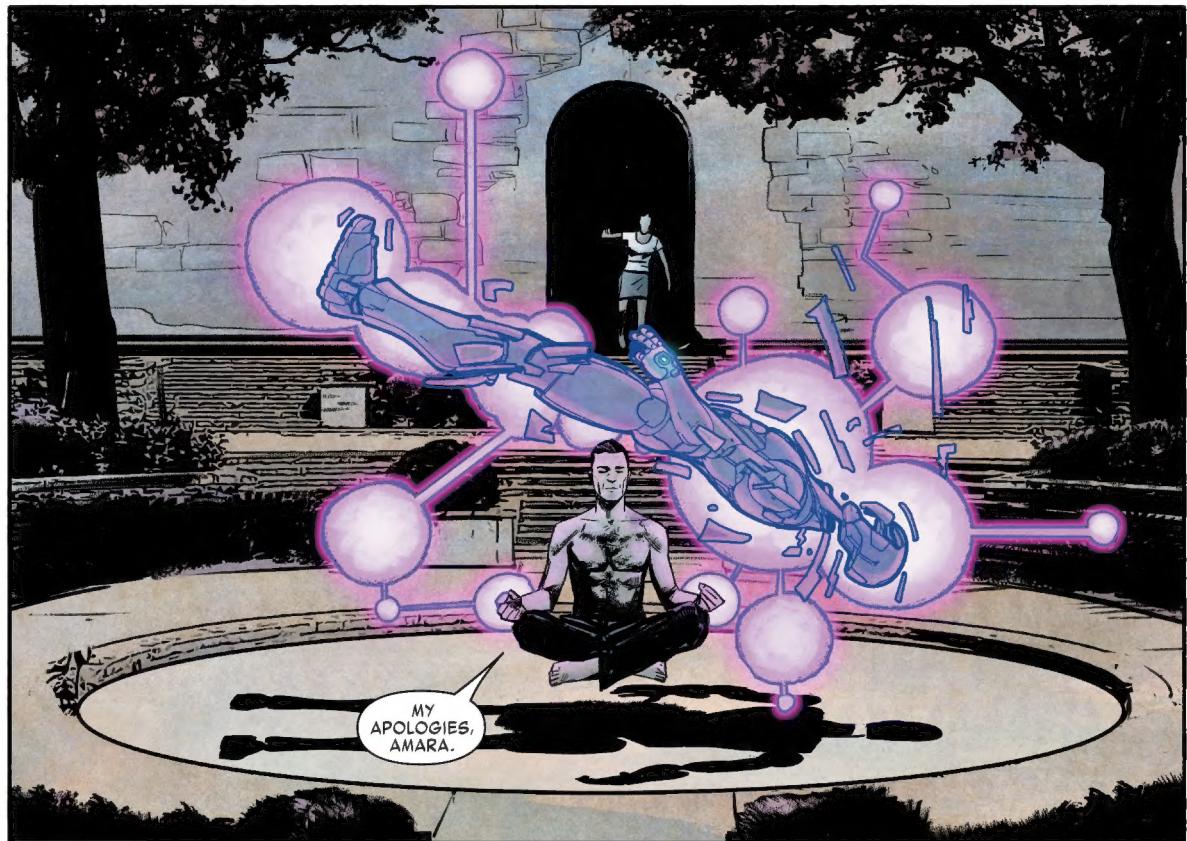
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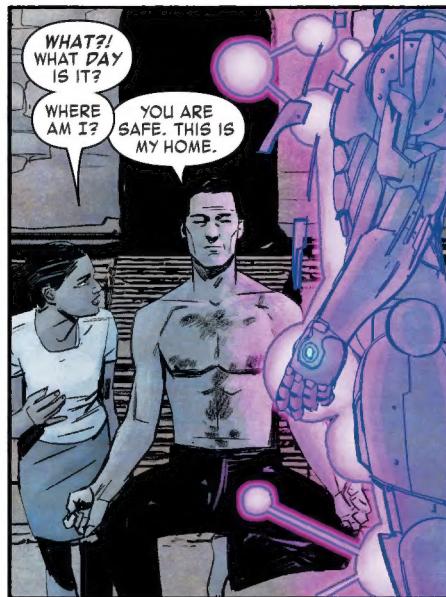
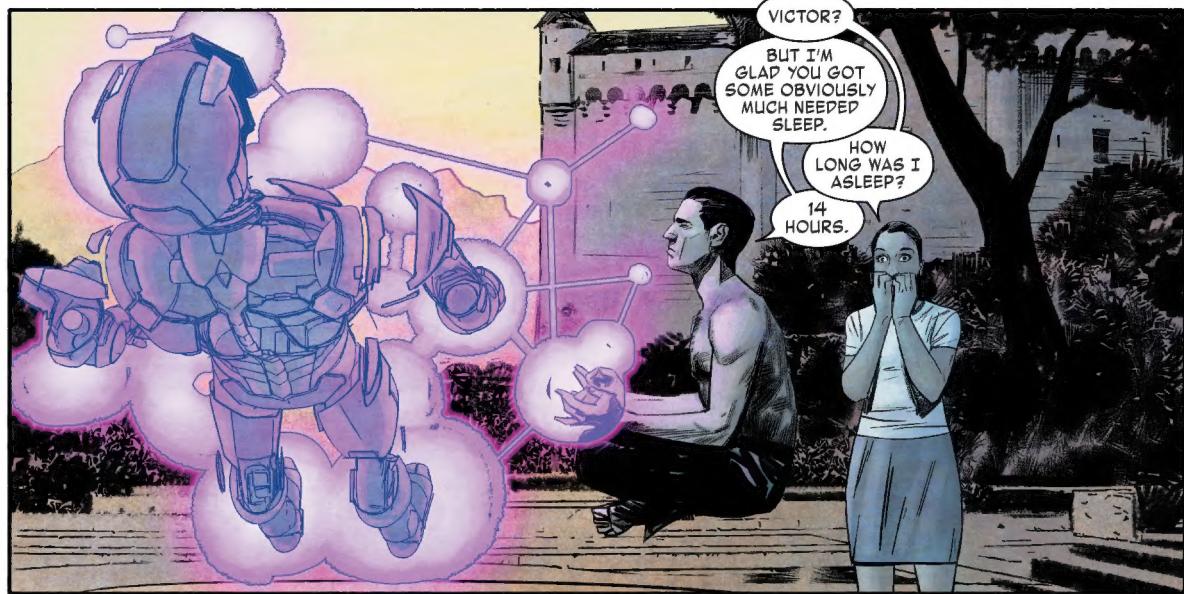
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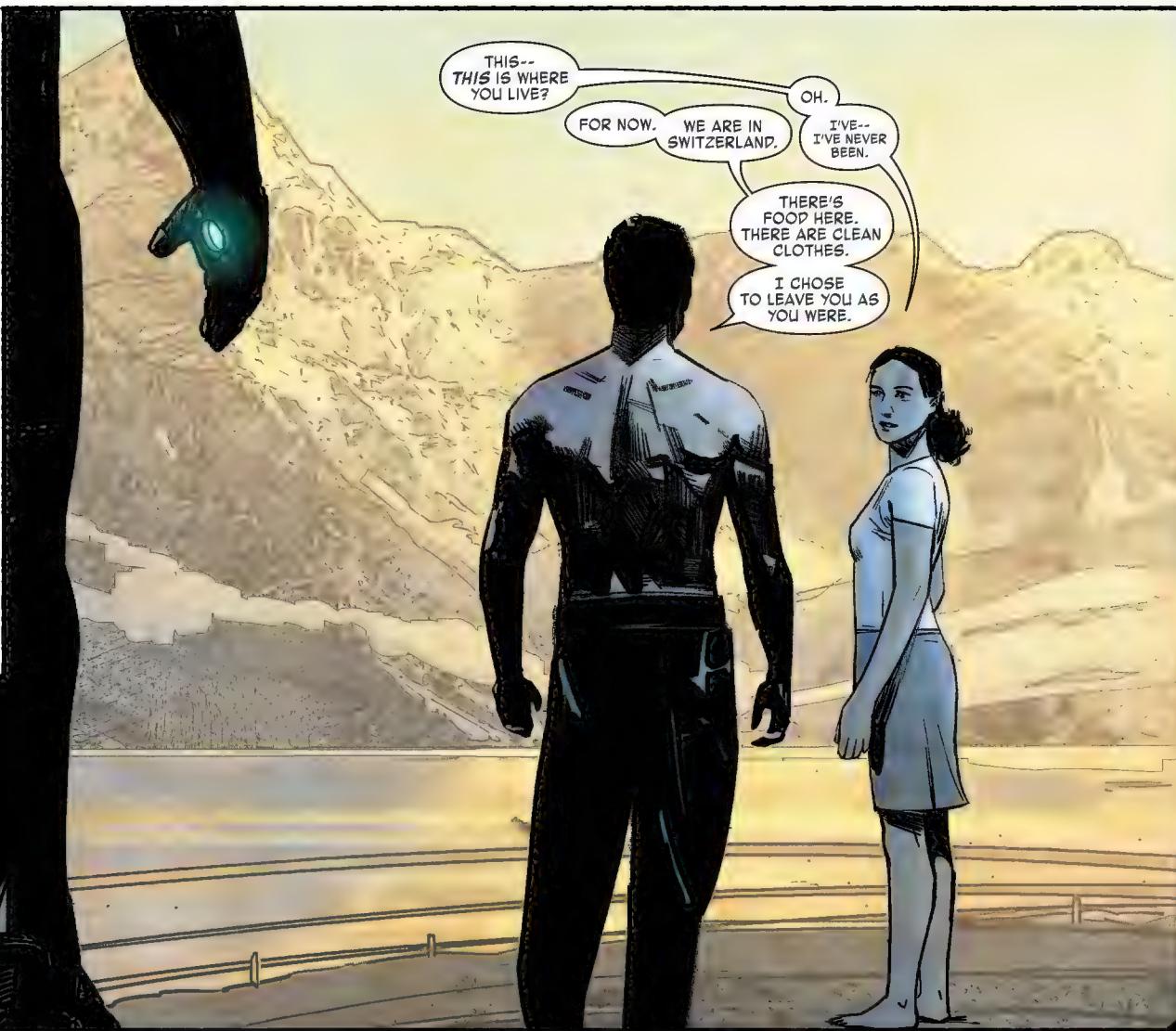
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MY ENTIRE
LIFE WAS A
QUEST FOR
POWER

THIS IS NO
SECRET

I WAS BORN
A HOMELESS
ROMA, LIVING IN
THE WOODS, THE
SON OF A DARK
WITCH

AFTER I CRAWLED
OUT OF THOSE WOODS
AS A YOUNG MAN,
I NEVER LOOKED
BACK AND I MADE
MYSELF A KING

I MADE MYSELF
A LEAPER, A
SCIENTIST AND
SORCERER

BUT THIS
PART MAY
TAKE YOU ABACK
A BIT

AFTER A LIFETIME
OF SEARCHING,
I FINALLY FOUND HOW
TO MAKE MY DREAM
OF ULTIMATE POWER
A REALITY

AND FOR A
BRIEF MOMENT
IN TIME

I OWNED
THE UNIVERSE

I BECAME
EVERYTHING I HAD
ALWAYS DREAMED OF
BEING. I CONTROLLED
SPACE AND TIME AND
THE WORLD LOOKED TO
ME, AND ONLY ME, AS
THEIR ONE TRUE GOD

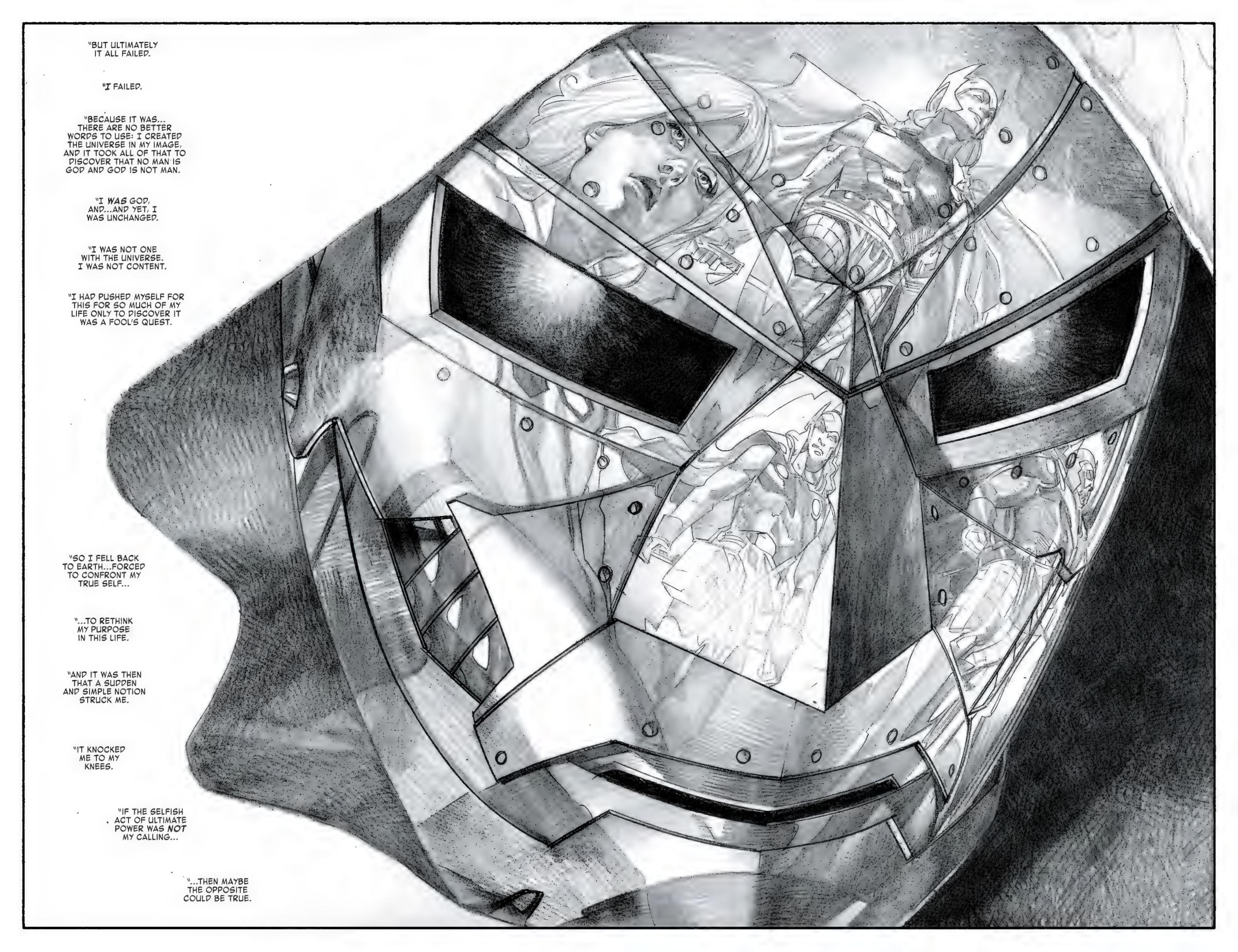
I HELD MY ENEMIES
CLOSE AND I KEPT
THE CHAOS OF THIS
WORLD IN CHECK BY
ONLY MY SHEER
FORCE OF WILL

ONLY A HANDFUL
OF PEOPLE EVEN
REMEMBER THAT
THIS EVER HAPPENED

BUT IT
DID

I WAS GOD
AND THE WORLD
WAS MINE





"BUT ULTIMATELY
IT ALL FAILED."

"I FAILED.

"BECAUSE IT WAS...
THERE ARE NO BETTER
WORDS TO USE: I CREATED
THE UNIVERSE IN MY IMAGE,
AND IT TOOK ALL OF THAT TO
DISCOVER THAT NO MAN IS
GOD AND GOD IS NOT MAN."

"I WAS GOD,
AND...AND YET, I
WAS UNCHANGED."

"I WAS NOT ONE
WITH THE UNIVERSE.
I WAS NOT CONTENT."

"I HAD PUSHED MYSELF FOR
THIS FOR SO MUCH OF MY
LIFE ONLY TO DISCOVER IT
WAS A FOOL'S QUEST."

"SO I FELL BACK
TO EARTH...FORCED
TO CONFRONT MY
TRUE SELF..."

"...TO RETHINK
MY PURPOSE
IN THIS LIFE."

"AND IT WAS THEN
THAT A SUDDEN
AND SIMPLE NOTION
STRUCK ME."

"IT KNOCKED
ME TO MY
KNEES."

"IF THE SELFISH
ACT OF ULTIMATE
POWER WAS NOT
MY CALLING..."

"...THEN MAYBE
THE OPPOSITE
COULD BE TRUE."



"PERHAPS THE REST OF MY
LIFE NEEDED TO BE DEDICATED
TO OTHER PURSUITS."

"A LIFE OF
PROTECTING INSTEAD
OF CONQUERING."

"AS I PREPARED FOR THIS,
I LOOKED OUT TO MY TRUE PEERS.
TO REED RICHARDS, TONY STARK...AND
AS I LOOKED TO THEM, I STUPIDLY
THREW THEM WITH FRESH EYES AND I SAW
A NEW PURPOSE."

"A BETTER
PURPOSE."

"BUT IN WHAT FORM?
THAT, I WOULD NEED
TO CONSIDER."

"I THEN REALIZED THAT MY LIFE UP UNTIL NOW
HAD PUT ME IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOME
OF THE **WORST** PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET."

"BUT MAYBE THAT IS WHAT
ALL MY TIME AS 'DOCTOR DOOM'
WAS PREPARING ME FOR."

"I KNEW WHO THE MONSTERS
WERE, WHERE THEY WERE
AND WHAT THEY WERE
CAPABLE OF."

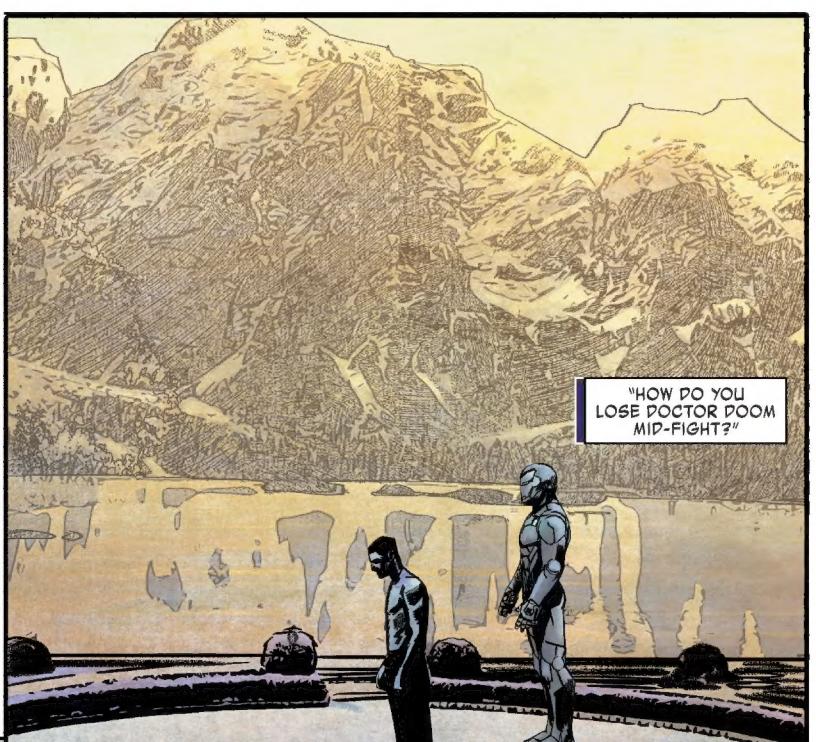
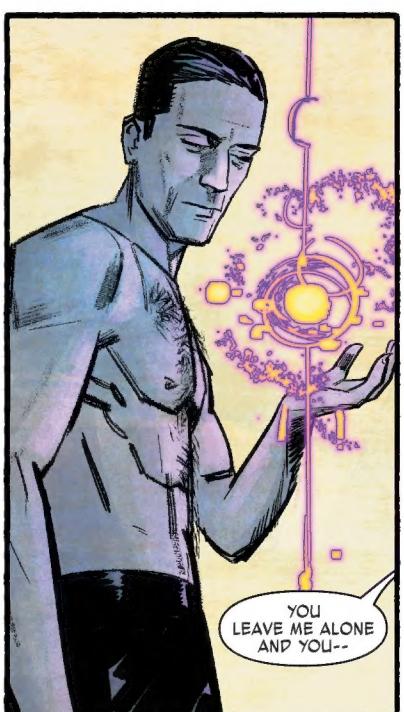
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WRONGS QUICKER AND MORE
EFFICIENTLY THAN ANYONE ELSE."

"BECAUSE I WAS ONCE
THE WORST OF THEM ALL."

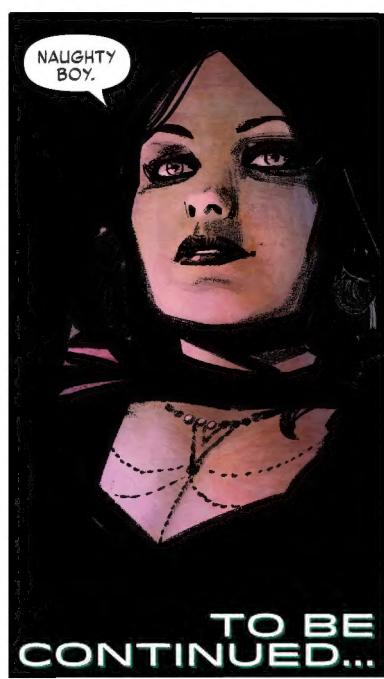
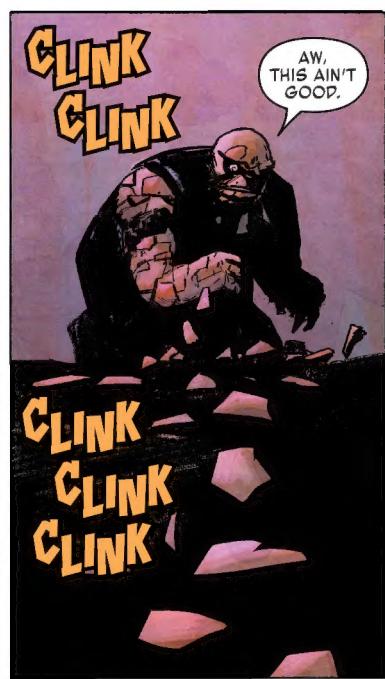
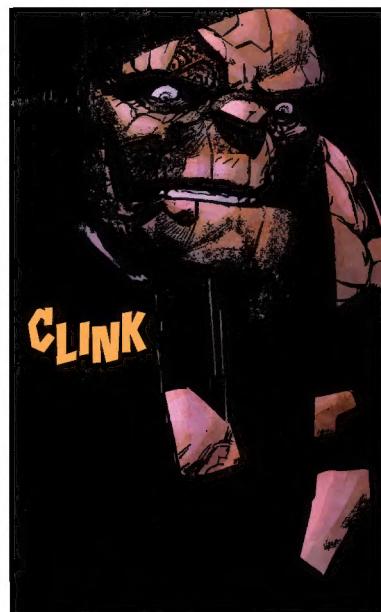
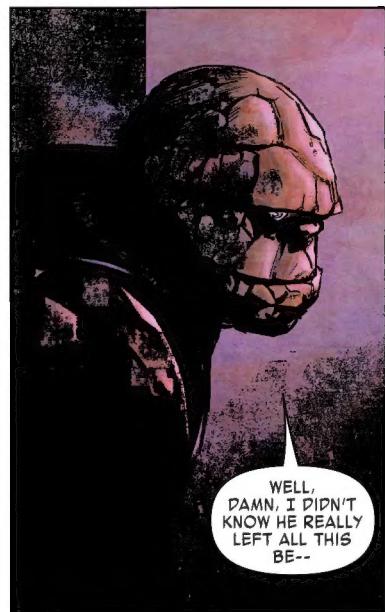
"I CAME TO TONY STARK BECAUSE
I ADMIRE HIM. I WAS ALWAYS--
I ALWAYS LOOKED AT HIM AND SAW
ANOTHER VERSION OF ME."

"AND WHEN HE FELL, I
KNEW THE ELTERS OF THE
COSMOS WERE TELLING
ME WHAT FORM MY
PENANCE WOULD NEED
TO TAKE."

"I WOULD BE
IRON MAN."







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